संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जेना): (क) से (घ) पर्यटन विभाग, ने भारत में 5 मिलियन पर्यटकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए विभिन्न एजेंसियों द्वारा की गई कार्रवाई को सूचीबद्ध करते हुए 1993 में एक कार्य-पत्र (वर्किंग-पेपर) तैयार किया था। राष्ट्रीय अनुमानों के अनुसार 39,100 करोड़ रु० की राशि के निवेश की अपेक्षा थी जिसे केन्द्र और राज्य सरकारों तथा निजी सेक्टर के उपकरणों और निजी सेक्टर के बीच बांटा जाना था।

निवेश के मुख्य क्षेत्र हवाई अड्डे, वायुयान, रेलवे, सड़कें, नागरिक सुविधाएं, रिजार्टों, आवास, रेस्तरां, शौपिंग कम्पलैक्स, पर्यटक सुविधा केन्द्र, समागम केन्द्र, मानव संसाधन विकास और प्रशिक्षण थे।

तथापि, संसाधनों की कमी के कारण, इस राशि के निवेश के लिए कोई चरणबद्ध कार्यक्रम नहीं चलाया गया।

Computerisation of SBI, Main Branch, Parliament Street

2625. SMT. CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SBI, main Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi has not ye*t been computerised fully;

(b) by when it is going to be fully computerised to render quick and smooth service to customers; and

(c) how many branches in Delhi are proposed to be computerised by 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The branch has been identified for lull computerisation under the Action Plan for 1996-97. Keeping in view the size of the Branch, it is proposed to take up the computerisation in phases, di-visionwise. To start with it is proposed to computerise the Institutional and NRI Divisions by 31st March, 1997.

(c) Forty branches in Delhi have been fully computerised and a total of 81 branches are proposed to be computerised by 31st March, 1997.

वृन्दावन के लिए विकास योजना

2626. प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या वृन्दावन करोड़ों भारतीयों का श्रद्धा-स्थल है;

(ख) क्या वृन्दावन का भारतीयों और विदेशियों के लिए भी अत्यन्त महत्व है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि वृन्दावन में गन्दगी, दुर्गन्ध, मक्खियों और मच्छरों की भरमार है तथा नागरिक सुविधाओं का अभाव है;

(घ) क्या सरकार इस धार्मिक स्थल के सुधार और विकास के लिए एवं उसकी पवित्रता, स्वच्छता और सुन्दरता के लिए कोई योजना बना रही है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस योजना को कब तक लागू कर दिया जायेगा और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जेना): (क) से (ङ) जी, हां। नागरिक सुविधाओं का सम्पोषण करना, राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेदारी है।

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के अनुसार, वृन्दावन में एक मलेरिया एकक बचाव कार्यवाही कर रहा है। राज्य सरकार वृंदावन के सुधार और विकास के लिए परियोजना पर विचार कर रही है।

Contraband seizure in Kutch Coast

2627. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of contraband seizure in Kutch Coast during this year;

(b) the action proposed to check smuggling by anti-Indian elements from Kutch border, and

(c) the reasons for failure by custom authorities to check smugglers and anti-Indian elements?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Customs authorities are maintaining a high degree of alert on the Kutch Coast by regular sea, air, and coastal Patrolling in the area. However no incident of ~

smuggling has been reported to the Government during the current financial year. There is no material to assume failure of Customs Authorities to prevent smuggling in the area.

Pending cases before the Shillong Bench of Guwahati High Court

2628. SHRl ONWARD L. NONG-TDU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending for disposal before the Shillong Bench of Guwahati High Court till the 31st of March, 1996;

(b) whether there is a proposal to appoint more regular Judges for the Bench;

(c) if so, by when it will be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSITRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) As per information furnished by the Registry of Gauhati High Court, as on 31.3.1996, 588 cases were pending in the Shillong Bench of the Gauhati High Court.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The allocation of Judges to different benches of the Gauhati High Court is done by the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court.

Shifting of popular Daily News update AAJ TAK to Late Hours

2629. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the popular daily news update in Hindi, namely ' "AAJ TAK" has been shifted to late hours; and the parallel English .daily news update "The News Tonight" has been totally taken away from Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, in what circumstances and for what reasons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINSITER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CM IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 9.30 p.m. slot has, now been given to programme programme having better revenue earning potential and whose producers have agreed to pay the revised sponsorhip fee for this slot along with some Minimuir Guarantees of Revenue.

Telecast of the "News Tonight' programme has been discontinued b; Doordarshan following the agreemen entered into by the producers of th< programme for the production of new: programmes in Hindi and English fo: telecast on the foreign channel, 'Sta:

Proposal to Simplify Election procedure

2630. SHRI 1.AHHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) steps proposed to be taken or taken to simplify election procedure;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether introduction of voting machine would help in cutting down Government's expenses on election; and

(d) if so, percentage of expenditure likely to be saved approximately by introduction of voting machine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW-AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The Government had asked the Election Commission in May, 1993 itself to use the existing electronic voting' machines in .elections wherever feasible.' Certain other measures to simplify election procedure have also been given effect to by the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1996.